

Tree Committee Members:

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Carol Troy
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**MINUTES
ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE
ST. HELENA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1480 MAIN STREET, ST. HELENA
Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 14, 2016
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL @ time: 3:33 pm

Present: Edie Kausch, Scott Freeland, Susan Allen, Joan Westgate

Absent: Carol Troy

Staff: Maintenance Manager Carlos Uribe, Public Works Admin Chrissy Cook, City Arborist Jim Haller

PUBLIC FORUM: An opportunity for the public to directly address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Committee should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to five minutes. **Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.**

Committee action: Received comments from public.

- Committee read letter from Connie Wilson (1658 Scott St.) dated 7/12/16, regarding the planned construction at 1645 Vineyard Ave. Her concern is the protection of Redwood trees on the site and how they will be impacted by the construction.
- Teresa Meyer (1655 Vineyard Ave) and Petit Abruzzini spoke about concern protection of the 3 Redwood trees located at the planned construction site of 1645 Vineyard Ave.
- Peter Mennen (1400 Sylvaner Ave) spoke about losing trees to new development, and the impact of the loss of shade protection and animal habitat.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE: Reports by staff and/or committee on items of general interest. *Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Committee may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Tree Committee.*

- Umpqua Bank replacement trees, one has been planted with the second going this week. City will plan on removing the two stumps at 1153 Main St and 1400 Main St.

- Britton Tree Company will be performing some work around the drip line for the Oak tree at the entrance of the property at 1915 Main St, (Las Alcobas). Arborist Joe Borden will be onsite; with Jim Haller performing site visits to ensure BMP (Best Management Practices) by the contractors are observed.
 - At Scott St. and Hillview Pl. on West side (1811 Hillview Pl). Plum tree has lost a branch, it is resident responsibility. City has deemed the tree as a hazard and allowed the owner to have tree removed. Owner will need to submit permit for second tree removal in similar health and mitigate both trees.
 - The 3 Redwoods at 1645 Vineyard, these trees were not recommended to the Tree Committee by the Planning Committee for review and therefore no action can be taken at this time. The building plans will include an arborists' report and will be reviewed by City Arborist for input.
 - Tree removed for the Caltrans widening project from Mitchell St. to Chaix Lane. On Hwy. 29 Caltrans has mitigated the removals via funding for tree planting in City limits. Both at the Library (1492 Library Ln) and City right of way area on Pope St. adjacent to (1101 Chiles Ave.)
2. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Members of the Tree Committee or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, on motion may be used to adopt all recommendation actions.

- A. Tree Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016.

Committee Action: *Approved*

Committee member Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Freeland and approved (4-0).

3. **PERMITS TO BE REVIEWED:**

- A. 1386 Sylvaner Street. Remove Liquidambar in right of way. Removal is requested due to the dropping of seed pods creating trip hazard for residents. Proposing to replace Liquidambar with a Chinese Pistache. Removal and replanting will be performed by a certified arborist.

Committee Action: *Approved, mitigate with a Chinese Pistache and suggest planning 1 more tree on property. Tree replace must take place by spring 2017.*

Committee member Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Westgate, and approved (4-0).

- B. 1550 Allyn Ave. Prune Coast Live Oak at corner of Madrona & Allyn. Remove deadwood 1" and larger, prune to reduce end weight and gently thin the canopy.

Committee Action: *Approved*

Committee member Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Allen, and approved (4-0).

- C. 1107 Main Street. Remove Raywood Ash. Tree is part of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative program. The tree was deemed as an unacceptable risk and must be replaced.

Committee Action: *Approved*

Committee member Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Westgate, and approved (4-0).

PG&E agreed to mitigate at a 4:1 tree replacement, funding to cover staff time and material.

4. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. Discussion: Planting second generation trees for Lyman Park 1480 Main Street

5. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Discussion: Planting 2nd generation Valley Oaks inside Lyman Park (1480 Main St). Plan for Valley Oaks to eventually replace existing Elm trees that are in declining health. City to provide a map of the park and the Tree Committee will begin developing a plan.
- Discussion: City Staff to provide an update on current mitigated trees and outstanding tree permits.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn at 5:03 pm